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SUBJ: HABITAT PREPARATORY COMMITTEE OPENS

1. SECOND PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR UN CONFERENCE ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS (HABITAT) OPENED JANUARY 12.

2. OPENING DAY'S EVENTS HIGHLIGHTED BY SPEECHES FROM SECRETARY GENERAL PENALOSA AND CANADIAN MINISTER OF STATE FOR URBAN AFFAIRS, BARNETT J.DANSON. PENALOSA SUMMARIZED RECENT PREPARATORY ACTIVITIES AND EMPHASIZED WORLDWIDE EXTENT OF INTEREST AND PLANS TO PARTICIPATE IN HABITAT.

3. DANSON EMPHASIZED CANADA'S INTENTION TO MAKE CONFERENCE A SUCCESS. HE SUMMARIZED ISSUES WHICH LED TO CALLING CONFERENCE, BUT ADDED THAT TWO WEEK CONFERENCE CAN CLEARLY NOT SOLVE EVERYTHING.

4. SEVERAL TIMES IN HIS SPEECH DANSON REFERRED TO NEED TO KEEP EVENTS IN CONFERENCE RELEVANT TO HUMAN SETTLEMENTS.

AT ONE POINT HE SAID "CLEARLY THERE ARE POLITICAL ISSUES

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THAT ARE DIRECTLY RELEVANT TO HABITAT, BUT IT IS

ESSENTIAL THAT WE AVOID BEING DISTRACTED BY OTHERS THAT
BELONG ELSEWHERE: IN OTHER CONFERENCES OR IN THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY. THE PURSUIT OF IRRELEVANT ISSUES AT HABITAT WILL
ONLY SHARPEN THE CYNICISM OF GOVERNMENTS AND THEIR
CONSTITUENTS THE WORLD OVER, NOT ONLY TOWARD HABITAT BUT
ALSO TOWARD THE UNITED NATIONS."
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